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Save Niagara.

President Taft in his appeal to Congress say that in no city is the standard as the sacrifice of the beauty and grandeur of Niagara upon the altar of commer-

The President suggests that a national reservation commission be ap- with motion views. regulate the use of water, and to decide of the event. upon the location of power plants. If this is the solution of the question, it Certainly Congress will be remiss if it punish the offenders, we may happily allows conditions to continue which are believe that a similar occurrence only too rapidly converting the surroundings of this great natural wonder eyesore. Water power has a practical value, of course, and the development of business is entitled to consideration. It must not be forgotten. however, that Niagara stands alone in its impressiveness, and its desecration would be a national calamity.

The saving of Niagara is a matter that demands immediate attention on the part of Congress.

as eagerly by the public as by the con-tributors, it would be the most popular his command, and yet secure no result. If the Congressional Record were read

If Detective Burns could only locate

Railway Transportation Problem.

The managers of railway transportanfronted with an enormot problem. They realize that the Interstate Commerce Commission is a fixture strongly supported by public opinion know that no longer can great sums be raised for extraordinary purposes or to pay dividends on watered stock by the arbitrary increase of freight rates. In addition to this, labor is pretty solidly organized and insistent upon its demand for full compensation. In the face of all this comes the movement for increased waterways competition. With higher charges and lower wages climinated, the railroads must meet the problem of water competition with radical economies if profitable transportation is to be maintained.

It would seem as if serious attention must now be given to securing the larg est amount of power for the minimum cost. The efficiency of an ordinary steam engine is only about 5 per cent of the heat energy of coal. In the wasteful locomotives this available power only about 3 per cent. In gas engines to trial, and now they are acting as as much as 18 per cent can be utilized. but the gas-generating principle has not vet been adapted to locomotive purposes In some favored localities erude oil can be advantageously used as fuel.

Electricity seems to be the only efficien; and economical substitute that is available for steam from coal, and electric railway transportation is still very much of an experiment. For their great terminals and approaches in New York City, the Pennsylvania and the New York Central are employing electric power, and considerable portions of the New York, New Haven and Hartford and the Long Island railroads are electrically operated. The substitution has been discussed for Chicago, Buffalo, and Pittsburg, but no action has been taken. In the far West, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern find electricity derived from water to be an economical motive power over great mountains and through long tunnels.

This ideal motive power is enormous ly expensive, but will gradually become cheaper. Within two years the cost of manganese third-rails has declined from \$9,000 to \$7,000 per mile, and the price of electric locomotives, \$40,000, must soon be reduced. If sufficient water power could be developed along the lines of railways the difficulties would the outcome in Los Angeles. at once disappear, but the low grades of tracks and of abutting cities and towns render such relief prohibitively extravagant in first cost. For the present, therefore, experiments are confined to deriving electric power from anthracite coal, costing from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton, and from bituminous coal, costing about \$1.80-neither of which can be employed with any considerable degree of economy, except by the very greatest

This is the situation that now confronts the reilroad managers. But the fronts the railroad managers. But the genius to surmount it will be found, and navy, while expressly allowing the chew-

THE WASHINGTON HERALD the prospective reward in prestige for the pioneer is great enough to stimulate to the limit the best brains now em ployed in railway transportation.

> Mr Derrow's sympathy for the down at a pretty fair figure.

Keeping the City Clean.

The police cannot be too active in bringing into court all the persons responsible for the disgraceful occurrence n this city a few nights ago. The exhibition ought not to have been allowed, but it is not now too late to make an example of those who were connected with its inception and management.

The Washington Herald believes that t performed a civic duty when it called ublic attention to an event which might otherwise have been ignored by the authorities. The laws and regulations in this city covering public performance are very stringent, and if they are rigidly maintained, will insure decency and respectability everywhere. If exhibiions are improper, it is not because of lack of law or of authority to enforc the law.

The moving picture theaters are, in themselves, a boon to a very large pro portion of the population which cannot afford to expend much money for enter-The programmes presented tainment. The entire country will join with are carefully selected, and it is safe to

to enact legislation that will prevent high as it is in Washington. The fact that moving pictures of questionable character were shown in a public hall after midnight does not reflect upon those who cater to public amusement They are very pointed which will have authority to properly emphatic in their condemnation And now that the authorities appre

ciate that a grave offense has been com enacted promptly into law; mitted and are earnestly seeking to not again shock the moral sense of the community.

> A Connecticut newsboy's heart beats 200 times a minute. That could be mor readily understood in the baseball season That could be more

An Experiment in St. Louis.

The human unit in the city, unless he be buttressed by wealth or influence, is as a voice crying in the wilderness when he protests single-handed against those civic injunities which jar his soul He may complain to a corporation or to

To give a real vitality to public protest is the object of the new Civil all of the political bombs which are to League of St. Louis, recently organized be exploded next year he would win with 1,600 members. It purposes to propopularity in certain distinguished vide for the small things as well as the large necessities. If any member has reason to complain of insanitary alleys, damaged street lights, broken sidewalks, infractions of the anti-smoke ordinance, &c., the league will press his grievance before official attention with all the pressure it can exert.

Of course, the present membership of the league is merely a makeshift. It hopes to become identified with all the civic interests of St. Louis, to enlist the support and good will of its entire population. It can be made a powerful factor in the political life of the city. It proposes, first of all, to press through number of complaints and learn jus where they get caught in the cogs of the hig municipal machine, and to compet the establishment of a bureau of complaints, where grievances may be regis tered with the assurance that they will be sorted out, forwarded to the proper quarter, and remedied.

This is a new phase of constructive citizenship. The league will unques tionably soon have prototypes in other large cities of the country.

The Result in Los Angeles.

The election of the good government ticket in Los Angeles is now known to have been due to the votes of women It was predicted in the early part of the campaign that the feminine suffrage would go largely to the Socialist candidate, but after the confessions of th McNamara brothers the tide turned, the sympathy which had been manifested by the Socialists for the McNamara being remembered against them.

Two features of the election are worth emphasizing. The first is the fact that the percentage of women who voted after registering was larger than that of the men. This indicates that the women of Los Angeles appreciate the placing of the ballot in their hands. The second fact is that although the Socialist party had worked most earnestly to se cure suffrage for women, the latter did not allow this consideration to outweigh their regard for law and order. They felt that under the circumstances the election of a socialistic mayor might be misunderstood and misconstrued.

The movement toward woman suf frage, which has received an impetus of late, will be still further advanced by

The indicted packers do not seem to be in a hurry to emulate the McNamara brothers in their effort to expedite justice.

The picture of George Washington i on six new stamps. Even now he can be licked unless his back is turned.

It is a good thing for the average man to know that if he ever has the money to spare he can send a cable letter.

If Mr. Sherman does not get into the game next year he at least his a free ticket to the grand stand.

ing of tobacco, would seem, as a matter

A good thing to do with that McNa-nara fund would be to give it to the nusbands who have been blown up by

An Ohio man who has been three times officially declared dead is still able to about. He should sympathize with

When the girl scouts meet the boy wonder who will scout the

The war correspondents in Tripoli are under guard. Perhaps they have not peretofore been guarded enough.

Eulalia's book will have to be a best eller to compensate for that \$50,000 which the will lose every year.

Salisbury, Md., has voted to retain gs in the city. Another blow at the

The members of the House who accidentally addressed Speaker Clark as "Mr. President" may only have been a little previous.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

It is now that wife goes flopping Through the slush. And to do her Christmas shopping Joins the crush. and there she's briskly popping

One must visit.
Many stores. et visit when out shopping Hub his fevered brow is mopping. Does his best. But declares that Christmas shopping is a pest.

Countless parcels he keeps dropping ne to him a wife out shopping Needs a dray.

Hopping, flopping, never stopping, See them go! It is great, this Christmas shopping. Don't you know.

Uncle Pennywise Says: I may state that I am a self-made mun ut my wife furnished the specifications.

janitor has invited us to his Christmas party. "Going"

"Of course. An invitation from royalty is equivalent to a command.

A Wedding or What? ething wrong with this item."

"Says the bridegroom took his place eneath the floral bell and 2,000 voits nediately shot through his quiv-

The thrifty housewife gets a lift And profit clear By fixing up the useless gift That came last year

"I hardly know what to give a young

"Consult the advertisements "But I see nothing advertised for men.

except safety ramors. Studying Business Methods.

"Has your son brought back any busi-ness ideas from London" "Oh, yes. He thinks we ought to serve ten afternoo

raphers ought to be blonds."

"What is this contraption you are making?

things," replied the girl.
"But it doesn't look like anything I know. What is it intended for?"
"For a Christmas present."

EVERY SATURDAY.

A HUNTSMAN.

When winter comes and the free

tened black bear seeks a suitable

Anyhow, this is the open hunting season, most beloved of Wash-

To sid the hunter in his ques

for game is second to The Big Stich's eternal desire to speak the truth. Therefore, we have obtained

subway, and when-

IF YOU'RE NOT

ENTERTAINING ROYALTY.

King George of England, like his late father, King Edward, does everything that lies in his power to prevent undue trouble or expense being incurred by those whom he visits. Everything that savors after estentation is obnexious to him. At the same time it is necessary that a certain amount of formality should be carefully observed, and all this runs into money. For instance, the King in-variably is accompanied by an equerry, who, by reason of his position, becomes a member of the house party, while, if All parties will welcome the breaking the Queen travels with the King, lady-in-waiting likewise has to be inc

the Queen travels with the King, her lady-in-waiting likewise has to be included among the guests. It is very rarely that the King is attended by more than two body servants. Three maids, as a rule, suffice for the Queen's requirements. It is, of course, settled that upon all occasions the King must have a suite of apartments to himself, and it is desired that these should be as far removed from the rooms of the other members of the house party as possible. A similar suite has to be prevented for the Queen whenever she is present.

Not very long ago a British nobleman who was entertaining the present King (as Prince of Wales) spent more than according to the course of the course

TALGOO IN Walles) spent more than E-1900 in providing a new saide of rooms for the exaited guest's occupation.

Whenever this is possible the King also desires to be placed in telegraphic or telephonic communication with also desires to be placed in telegraphic of telephonic communication with the royal palaces, so that he may be within easy reach of his secretaries and the called officials of his own household. Nowadays most country houses are provided with a telephone, but with the telegraph it is quite a different matter. Once, while the late King Edward was staying in the north of Scotland, his host expended £156 to provide a special private telegraph wire. It so happened

"It might be used for a number of sold in London last month at private sale. after it had been announced that they would be disposed of at Sotheby's on November 21 at public sale. It consisted of a portion of the famous Huth library. Is a mighty hard game to win.

CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY. By A. W. MACY.

ONLY GIANTS WANTED. King Frederick William, gen-erally known as Frederick the Great, had a consuming desire to form a brigade of giants, and his agents ransacked not Europe but almost every corner of the civilized world in search of men of extraordinary size.

Any man whose head towered above the heads of the multitude was not only acceptable but earnessly desired. One big Irish-man, whom an agent of Freder-ick picked up on the streets of London, was more than seven feet tall. On account of his great stature he received a bounty amounting to more than \$6,000, in addition to his regular Such a soldier could not any straighter or more rapidly than a small man, while he was much more likely to be hit by the balls of the enemy. Prederick did not succeed in realizing his ambition to form a large brigade of glants, but he ical dimensions if for nothing

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Fine Indoor Sport.

WITH POLITICAL PROCESSION

Jefferson M. Levy, the Democratic member from the Waldorf district in New York, was one of the first arrivals from Gotham, and was greeged yesterday by Gov. Poss, of Massachusetts, who at once asked about Monticelio, the old home of President Jefferson, now owned by the New York statesman. During the talk about the old Jefferson home, it was suggested that the amishing member from New York ought to invite the Democratic National Committee to the home next month.

"Do you know that President McKintley, although a Republican, was ever a great admirer of Thomas Jefferson or asked Congressman Levy. "Each time I called on President McKintley at the White House I noted that he had a picture of Thomas Jefferson on the wall or on the desk. He took pains to tell that he had always admired the statesmanship of Jefferson, without reference to political belief, and had a faincy for the Jefferson, without reference to political belief, and had a faincy for the Jefferson is picture, or, better still, read some of his apsechits or messages," was the percantion of the Hon. Jefferson Levy, as he escorted his friend, Senator Martin, of Virginla, to dinner at the Willard.

The Outlook in Kentucky.

office, that he does not content himself with a protest against the conventional public hanquet. His remarks are not alone destructive; they are constructive. He offers a bill of fare, which, of course, might be varied according to the season of the year. It is this, and, if we may be permitted to say so, it sounds good:

"A plain soup, a well-cooked piece of tenderion steak, the simplest kind of vegetables—potatoes, corn, or turnips—and an abundance of brown buttered toas; a stein of beer for each man who cares for beer; smoking not coffee served in large cups as men are accustomed to drink coffee at home; a piece of real apple pie, beer; smoking hot coffee served in large cups as men are accustomed to drink coffee at home; a piece of real apple pic, and cigars enough for any reasonable man to use to deaden the effect of the speeches to which he is forced to listen."

The cold gray dawn of the morning after, with its recollections and moddled reminiscences, will in many instances come to the reacue and support of the reform in which Mayor Smith has taken the lead We are see sure of the many instances.

the lead. We are so sure of the man, judging of him by the wholesomeness of to suggest an amendment or r those whose torpid livers forbid heritate to suggest an amendment or two. For those whose torpid livers forbid them to indulge in beer, and whose sleepless eyes counsel no coffee, moderate balls of the or scotch might be given. the entire feast being served at an early hour. With these modifications, we com-mend Mayor Smith's ideas to the amai-gamated society of public diners.

An Offense Against Deceney.

on the Washington Evening Star. There is nothing but warm praise for police who raided the diner in this the other night at which an exhibition of improper motion pictures was be-ing given. The fact that the display was nade by and before the members of an organization of motion picture operators in no wise lessens the gravity of the of-fense against public decency. Severe punshment should befall those responder this serious breach of the law.

tion. Jefferson Levy, as he escorted his triend, Senator Martin, of Virginia, to dinner at the Willard.

The Outlook in Kentucky.

Returning Democratic statesmen from thing is true in Seath Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky beg leave to remark that apart from the great victories of Oille James

I cannot fully express the gratitude and appreciation which are felt by my mother and myself because of the great kindness shown to us by The Washing kindness shown to us by The Washing-ton Herald. The aid which has been ex-tended to us in our distress has been most helpful and has in some degree les-sened the sorrow of our double affliction. May I ask that you print the names of Mr. Altemus, Mr. Bruninger, Mis-McGeff, Miss Bradfield, Miss Rosen, Miss Hazel Thomas, and "A Friend," to the list of those who have so knills believed. list of those who ha MAI FRANCIS FORTH.

Washington, December 8. Alimony for Husbands.

From the Springfield Republican.

A North Dakota court has decided that divorced husbands have the right to claim alimony. Equal rights seems to working both ways in North Dakota.

The hour was late; the light was low, the weary husband

strained his ears; then he surrendered to the blues, and from his eyes the briny tears rolled down his whiskers to his shoes. "All day I swept and

washed and baked," he murmured in resentful tones; "darned stockings till my innards ached, and scrubbed, upon my marrowbones. I rocked the children all to sleep; it seemed to me a lowdown dodge that I must here my vigil keep while Jane's cavorting at the lodge. If wives but knew how much their hubs rebel at all their griefs and woes, they'd not so often seek the clubs and caucuses and things like those. If Jane would spend an evening here, say once a week, grief would depart; this home would seem a place of cheer, the housework wouldn't break my heart. But no, when evening comes she takes her hat and overcoat and cane, and leaves me to a world of aches and tears and loneliness and pain. Alas, the tyranny of wives! It puts our home life on the blink: it desolates their husbands' lives, and drives those heartsick slaves

THE BIG STICK

AS HE WOULD LOOK IN ENGLAND.

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 9, 1911





TO THE PUBLIC. This serves a notice that within a

Sing the song of the wild wood (Confound this poison eak!), sing of the freedom and wine-like (Thit's two blamed gans I've heak!) Give me the snow-covered raileys. (Wow! How that branch hit my head!)

(I wish I was home and in bot.)
Z. D. BLACKISTONE.

A DISTINCTION.

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By YE LOCAL SCRIBE.

ONE CENT.

fells. Va. Hard he stayed in Wash-ington. Frack says he could have enter quall all winter on the com-hined outlay of energy and money paperided.

B. P. Andrews has invented a pu-

Judge Mullower intends Christ mas-wreking commerce down South in scarch of possums and other wild animals.

Clark Griffith, our esteemed base chain dramin, our estemants pass-allist and usuager, animumes that f he can once get the courage to goes the intersection of Foorteenth street and New York avenue-and outview-he will join the Big Game Hinsters' Association of America on general principles.

Charille Howe has a limiting trip planned for the Monday after New Year. This is fully covered by Charille's accident insurance policy.

THE TRAGEDY OF A COON HUNT By MELVIN C. HAZEN.

CHAPTER L Reached the place where come are CHAPTER II. Started furth at sundown

dogs. CHAPTER III.
Started up a tree after a coon.
Found it want a coon, but a
ild cat. Climbed down again mius hat and coat. CHAPTER IV. Snipe Binster mistook me for a nipe. Slight wounds about head nd fece. Why should be mistake

CHAPTER V. up now. No coens. One Both shins barked. Cold Telegram from Dr. Tin-ing congratulations. CHAPTER VI.

BIG GAME OR NOTHING.

The Creckett of my time. Give me hig game (I hate things tame);
A bear or paught for miss.

Uncle Walt Says To-day:

walked the floor, and listened, pacing to and fro, to hear his wife's step at the door. In vain that husband IN SUFFRAGEVILLE.

(Copyright, Mil, he George Matthew Adams.) WALT MASON. to drink!"